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English 3010 C
8:00-9:15 TR
CH 310
Fall, 2000

Bruce Guernsey
CH 312 (581-6290)
Hours: 1-3:30 W (or
by appointment)

Required Texts:

The Odyssey, Homer (Fagles trans.)

War and Peace, Tolstoy (Maude trans.)

We will read and discuss these great two works, spending the first half of the term on The Odyssey, reading three to five books of Homer's epic per week. We will cover roughly one hundred and eighty pages of War and Peace each week during the second half.

General comments:

Eight o'clock classes are tough, for all of us, but I do expect you to be here just as you expect me to be. We will also be doing a fair amount of reading, so do not fall behind. The daily quizzes should help you to stay current, but remember, you have two papers to write as well. I say this not to scare you away but to make you aware that this course will require your keeping up; otherwise, the masterworks we're reading will become more burden than joy. The class will also get boring for you if you fall behind, but please realize that students can be as tedious as teachers sometimes, especially if they have not done the work.

Having said that, let me also say that we'd better have some fun in here or I won't show up either. I encourage your ideas, opinions, and speculations as we travel with Homer's and Tolstoy's timeless heroes in search of ourselves.

Requirements/Grading:

1. class participation (20%)
2. daily quizzes (20%)
3. two papers (40%--20% each)
 - a. one analytical on The Odyssey; 3-5 pages, typed, double-spaced with title page; due mid-term week or before;
 - b. one personal/speculative; 5-7 pages, typed, double-spaced with title page; due the final week of classes
4. comprehensive final exam (20%)